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SUBJECT: Weekly Missouri Influenza Report, 2003-2004 Season

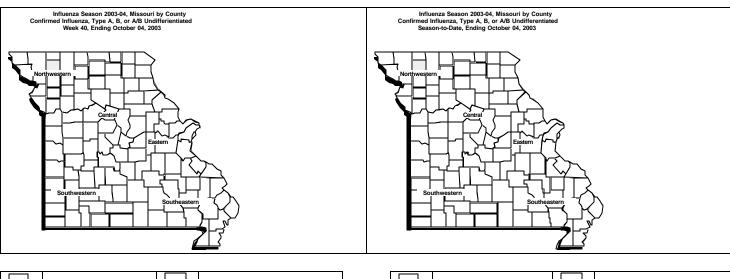
(All data in this report are provisional and may change as reports are updated.)

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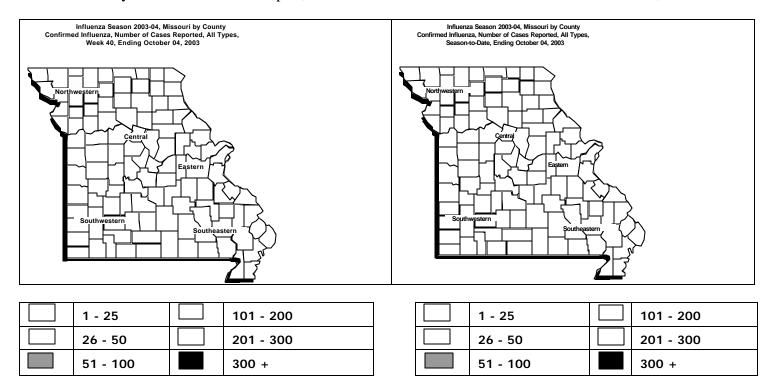
Missouri is reporting "no influenza activity" to the CDC for Week 40. (Influenza activity codes are reported to CDC each Friday. Positive influenza laboratory reports often are received after the code for the week has been transmitted to CDC.)

Reported Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Sub-type For the Week Ending October 04, 2003 (Week 40)								
Serogroups    A								
Week 40	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Season-to-Date*	0	0	0	0	1	1		

<sup>\*</sup>The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 4, 2003) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 15, 2004).



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Clusters/Outbreaks of Influenza-like Illness For the Week Ending October 04, 2003 (Week 40)									
Health District	Central	Eastern	NW	SE	SW	Season -to- Date 03-04	Season -to – Date 02-03	Last Year Season Total 02-03	
School Closings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	
Community Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Long Term Care or Institutional Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Other Outbreaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Season-to-Date	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212	

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Deaths								
For the Week Ending September 27, 2003 (Week 39)								
Week 39	Week 39 Season-to-Date Week 39 Season 01-02 10 Year Weekly Median							
75* N/A? 28 N/A <b>*</b>								

- \* Prior to 1999, P&I data were collected from week 46 through week 17; therefore, the ten-year median will be noted only during those weeks.
- ? The influenza season begins with week 40 (week ending October 4, 2003) and ends with week 20 (week ending May 15, 2004).

<sup>\*</sup>Beginning in week 35 of 2003, the numbers of P&I deaths may show increases based on a new system of retrieval that now includes all contributing causes of death from death certificates.

U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network (US ISPSN) Influenza-like Illness (ILI)								
Age 0-4	Age 5-24	Age 25-64	Age 65+	Total ILI Patients Seen	Total Patients Seen	Percent ILI		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A*		

<sup>\*</sup> This percentage is below the national baseline of 2.5%. US ISPSN begins reporting data after Week 40.

Respiratory Specimens Submitted to SPHL for Viral Testing For the Week Ending October 04, 2003 (Week 40)										
		Positive Specimens								
	Influenza	Para- influenza	Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Adeno- virus	Rhino- virus	Entero- virus	Total Number Specimens Submitted			
Week 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Season-to-Date	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

CDC antigenically characterizes a sample of positive Missouri influenza isolates, submitted through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL). DHSS has forwarded no isolates to CDC in the 2003-04 season.

Sources of Data: Laboratory-confirmed cases are reported to DHSS through the passive communicable disease surveillance system. Suspected influenza clusters and outbreaks are reported through the active surveillance system. Pneumonia and influenza deaths are reported through the DHSS Bureau of Vital Records. Influenza-like illness data by age category and total number of patient visits by week are reported voluntarily by participants in the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Physicians Surveillance Network.

This report may also be found on the DHSS Internet at: <a href="www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html">www.dhss.state.mo.us/Influenza/index.html</a>. National influenza surveillance information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: <a href="www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm">www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm</a>.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after hours number for reporting disease cases and emergencies is 1-800-392-0272.